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# This Week's Local Forecast



Wednesday

Sunny

67 / 48 Precip Chance: 5% Precip Chance: 45%

**Thursday** Scattered Rain

66 / 45

Friday

50 / 34

Precip Chance: 75%

Weather History

Rain Likely

52 / 37

Precip Chance: 20%

Saturday **Mostly Sunny** 

Sunday Sunny

Monday

First

12/4

Cloudy

54/39 58 / 43 Precip Chance: 10% Precip Chance: 20%

## Moon Phases

## Weather Trivia

Answer: Because sound travels slower than light.

Why does thunder always come after the lightning bolt?

Nov. 5, 1961 - Strong Santa Ana winds fanned the flames of the Bel Air and Brentwood fires in Southern California, destroying many homes. At 10 p.m., the Los Angeles Civic Center reported a temperature of 74 degrees along with a dew point of 5 degrees.

For latest weather updates: www.UpdatedWx.com/TG

#### Full Last 11/12 11/19

New 11/26

# **GRAVITY**

**Chance Rain** 

65 / 45

Precip Chance: 30%

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

spend months investing time and skills building their cars. That hard work culminates as they compete, racing their cars down Church Street.

The annual event has become a must-attend activity for families from around the region, drawing crowds of more than 2,000 people to downtown Douglasville each

In addition to watching the competition, guests enjoyed food from local vendors and experienced Science Street, a free exhibit with hands-on activities and presentations from area organizations, including the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Georgia Space Grant Consortium, Kids Drone Zone, West Georgia Regional Library System and more.

"It truly is exciting for all of us at Google to watch this event grow each year," said Russell Bonds, Google's data facilities manager. "Gravity Games inspires us as we watch the world's future scientists, technologists, engineers, mathematicians and coders put their STEM skills to work. We're grateful to the City of Douglasville and Georgia Tech for their partnership in making the Games a reality for our community every fall."

"I am so honored to con-



The Douglas County High School team "Tensor Tigers" won the Autonomous Class at Saturday's Georgia Gravity Games. Pictured are Mahdi Al-Husseini, Salah Al-Husseini and Mohammad Al-Husseini.

tinue the tradition of the Georgia Gravity Games. It is not only a great partnership between the City of Douglasville, Google and Georgia Tech, but, more importantly, it is a great way to engage our students in hands-on STEM activities," said Douglasville Mayor Rochelle Robinson. "Each year, it warms my heart to see the excitement that exudes from families and children as each custom-built car travels down the hill on Church Street. I look forward to extending this tradition to 2020 and beyond!"

## **2019 GEORGIA GRAVITY GAMES RESULTS**

Stock Class (200-pound limit):

1. Yeager Middle School (Douglasville)

2. Brighten Academy (Douglasville)

Super Stock Class (240pound limit):

1. Brighten Academy (Douglasville)

2. Reece Dalton (individu-

(255-pound limit): 1. Brighten Academy

(Douglasville)

Scottie Stock Class

2. Chapel Hill High School www.gagravitygames.com.

(Douglasville) **Engineered Class:** 

1. Brighten Academy (Douglasville)

2. Brighten Academy (Douglasville)

**Autonomous Class:** 

1. Douglas County High School (Douglasville)

2. Paul Duke STEAM High

School (Norcross)

The Georgia Gravity Games will return to downtown Douglasville for its seventh edition next fall. Registration will open near the start of

the 2020-2021 school term. For more information, visit

# HISTORY

FROM THE **FRONT PAGE** 

Garner has spent the last 12 years creating history clubs at various places he taught because, as he puts it, it's very important to bring history alive for students rather than always sitting in a classroom learning from a book.

"It's exciting when students want to take hold of their education. You can really see the benefits of it, whether that's through conversations or tests," said Garner. Garner said that

there are many students who have never been outside the metro Atlanta area. The trips are methodically planned and parallel to what students are currently studying, such as the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement.

"In studying Georgia history, we felt it important to engage with the content instead of passively learning it. What's great is that we've had kids that would get a test question right because of a field trip,' Garner said. "We engage with the experts. We engage with people that

know what they're talking about more than I do." One of Garner's students, Preston Agan, said that joining the history club and going on field trips has been interesting. Agan said the trips helped him with tests and assignments. Another student, Yari Pettis, said he thought it

was going to be boring at first. Pettis credits Garner with making the trips much more fun. Pettis said that through the trips, he understands more about the Indians. Sofia Caceres, another student, also echoed Garner's sentiments about bringing history

"When we went on the Civil War trip, we got to see where the trenches were dug by Confederate soldiers. That was my favorite part — it was really cool because it's 200 years old and you're pretty much living the history," said Caceres.

Johny Herrera said he appreciates how the field trips gave him the facts and allowed him to form his own opinion and not be persuaded. He also noted how the trips made

it feel more realistic. Kennedy Elder said she enjoyed the artifacts and tools from centuries ago, long before the advancement

said that she loves the interactive experience as opposed to just reading it in a book. Student Ellery Hall said that the trips helped her better understand what life was like.

Part of the club's program at the beginning of the year includes the students learning from a dress Marine on how to put up and take down the flag every day. Garner said that through practice, students learn to respect the flag and what it stands for. The club also participated in Bert's Big Thank You campaign.

In talking about their studies of events that happened approximately 250 years ago, Garner noted another major importance of the tripsengaging in history and attacking difficult topics/ events and opening kids' minds to make their own decisions. Garner said that history is often written by the victors,

at a point in time in our humanity and approach to history that we're reevaluating. "We still struggle with

this stuff. We all approach things with preconceived notions," Garner said. "It's our job as educators to provide them with facts, knowledge, and open their minds so they can make their own decisions about the legacy of the country. including the Civil War, the Trail of Tears, the Civil Rights Movement, and other events.

With everything that the history club has done with veterans, Hall said that in addition

to understanding the meaning/sacrifice behind the flag, one thing she never knew was that soldiers actually had downtime to enjoy comforts of home like

movies. With Veterans Day just around the corner,

MCMS will hold a Veterans Day program, featuring several military vehicles and veterans from every military campaign, dating back to World War II. According to Garner, there are about 250-300 students that will

program. Garner invited veterans in the

actively be involved in the

community to join in the occasion and take part a potluck lunch before an assembly. In addition to the band and chorus performing, retired Army Major John W. Kirkbride and State School Superintendent Richard Woods will be in attendance as guest speakers at the event.

"We're not believers in just idly sitting by and watching history. We like to get involved," Garner said.

For more information on the MCMS Veterans Day program, contact John Garner at John. Garner@dcssga.org.

